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Messrs. SHUSTER, GRAHAM, BARR of Georgia and ROGERS of Michigan, Mrs. CUBIN, Messrs. EVERETT, REHBERG, BURTON of Indiana, OTTER, OSBORNE, MICA, TERRY, KENNEDY of Minnesota, NORWOOD, GOODLATTE, CHAMBLISS, PUTNAM, PORTMAN, POMBO, LEWIS of Kentucky, SAXTON, TIAHRT, LOBIONDO, SHAW, WILSON of South Carolina and SUNUNU, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, and Messrs. WHITFIELD, HOYER, McKEON, MENENDEZ, KERNS, BOOZMAN, THORNBERRY, LEWIS of California, FERGUSON, LAHOOD, YOUNG of Florida and JOHNSON of Illinois changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. STENHOLM, Ms. RIVERS, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mrs. MYRICK, and Messrs. SPRATT, FOSSELLA, BROWN of South Carolina, CANTOR and EDWARDS changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the resolution was not agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

FURTHER MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A further message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 3156. An Act to provide a grant for the construction of a new community center in St. Paul, Minnesota, in honor of the late Senator Paul Wellstone and his beloved wife, Sheila.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 5063, ARMED FORCES TAX FAIRNESS ACT OF 2002

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 609 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 609

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 5063) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special rule for members of the uniformed services in determining the exclusion of gain from the sale of a principal residence and to restore the tax exempt status of death gratuity payments to members of the uniformed services, with the Senate amendments thereto, and to consider in the House, without intervention of any point of order, a single motion offered by the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means or his designee that the House concur in each of the Senate amendments with the respective amendment printed in the report of the Committee on

Rules accompanying this resolution. The Senate amendments and the motion shall be considered as read. The motion shall be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the committee on Ways and Means. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the motion to final adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GUTKNECHT). The gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LINDER) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, for purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. SLAUGHTER), pending which I yield myself such time as I might consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 609 provides us the opportunity to take H.R. 5063, with the Senate amendments, and to consider without intervention of any point of order a motion offered by the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means or his designee. The motion provides the opportunity for the House to concur in each of the Senate amendments with the amendment that has been printed in the Committee on Rules report accompanying this resolution. The rule also waives all points of order against consideration of the motion to concur in the Senate amendments with amendments, and it provides 1 hour of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, H. Res. 609 provides that the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the motion to final adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question.

Mr. Speaker, as we prepare to complete the work of the 107th Congress and take H.R. 5063 from the Speaker's table, there are a couple of items of importance that will be inserted in this vehicle that the House will now have the opportunity to support following the adoption of this rule.

First, the amendments provide for a full extension through March 31, 2003, of current funding and program rules in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program and the Child Care, Abstinence Education, and Transitional Medical Assistance programs.

In 1996, the creation of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program fixed block grants for State designated programs of time-limited and work-conditioned aid to families with children. It also created a mandatory block grant to States for child care for low-income families, funded through fiscal year 2002. While the first continuing resolution passed by the House in September extended these programs through December 31, 2002, the CR passed by the House this week further extended those programs through the date of January 11, 2003.

Unfortunately, in terms of the feasibility of approving funding for these programs through January 11 of next year, it makes much more programmatic sense for us to provide funds to the States on a quarterly basis and therefore extend the funding and program rules through an entire quarter to March 31, 2003.

Second, the amendment extends federally funded temporary unemployment benefits of current recipients and those in high unemployment States through January of 2003. In brief, this amendment will extend unemployment benefits for up to an additional 5 weeks per individual by moving the cutoff date to February 1, 2003. I believe that the House and Senate will eagerly support this provision that provides supplementary weeks of employment benefits to over 800,000 persons across the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of the rule and the subsequent motion to be offered by the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LINDER) for yielding me the customary half hour, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Ms. SLAUGHTER asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I had hoped to come to the well today to congratulate my colleagues for crafting a measure in the nick of time that addressed the real need in the communities. But like the vast majority of the legislation emerging from the 107th Congress, this is a pitiful stopgap measure that in the end will benefit far fewer than the rhetoric from the other side of the aisle suggests. I wish the unemployed had the lobbying might of the credit card companies who are enjoying the consideration of a last minute bankruptcy bill that will hammer our most vulnerable constituents, or even the insurance companies at the moment being blessed with a last minute measure to absolve them of liability in the event of future attacks, but the unemployed do not have the attention of the majority party and we do not believe they ever will.

The measure before us today is woefully inadequate when it comes to addressing the needs of our Nation's unemployed workers. I would note that these are newly unemployed workers, those that have paid into the system in the event of an economic slowdown. Mr. Speaker, the economy has not hit a soft patch. It is in a recession. Moreover, the money these workers paid into the system is there. They are workers who paid into the system when times were good and are now in need when the economy is rough. Why put obstacles in front of working families that need this aid? Indeed, most of our constituents will not qualify for an additional 13 weeks of benefits in this bill.